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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on February 17, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Llew Jones (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 234, 2/13/2017; SB 197, 2/10/2017

Executive Action: SB 211, Be Tabled; SB 226, Do Pass As Amended; SB 227, Do Pass

00:00:09 Chair Salomon

HEARING ON SB 234

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:15 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 234, Expedite teacher licensure for military spouses.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:02:51 Dennis Parman, executive director, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

00:06:19 Peter Donovan, Board of Public Education (BPE)

00:08:34 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association

EXHIBIT(eds35a01)

00:10:24 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association and the Montana Federation of Teachers

00:11:04 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:01 Sen. Facey

00:12:24 Mr. Parman, MREA

00:13:13 Sen. McClafferty

00:13:52 Sen. Caferro

00:13:58 Sen. McClafferty

00:14:11 Mr. Donovan, BPE

00:14:46 Chair Salomon

00:15:22 Sen. Caferro

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:32 Sen. Caferro

HEARING ON SB 197

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:10 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 197, Require child sexual abuse and child sex trafficking prevention efforts.

EXHIBIT(eds35a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:01 Brian Kahn, self
 00:28:25 Susan Smith, Billings Operation Underground Railroad Team (OUR)
 00:33:22 Craig Sweeney, Montana Medical Association
 00:33:59 Michael Hollinger, Human Emergence And Rapid Transformation Initiative
 (HEART Initiative)
 00:36:30 Brittany Homer, OUR

EXHIBIT(eds35a03)

00:40:17 Carl Robertson, self
 00:41:05 Colleen Grass, self
 00:43:21 Matt Brower, Montana Catholic Conference
 00:45:36 Erin Walker, OUR
 00:48:49 Sara Vanacht, HEART Initiative
 00:51:19 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:53:20 Dana Toole, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:52 Sen. Tempel
 00:54:16 Ms. Toole, DOJ
 00:54:58 Sen. Blasdel
 00:55:40 Sen. Gauthier
 00:57:28 Sen. Regier
 00:58:52 Sen. Gauthier
 00:59:27 Sen. Regier
 00:59:44 Ms. Toole
 01:01:12 Sen. Facey
 01:04:41 Ms. Toole
 01:05:16 Sen. Facey
 01:06:58 Sen. Gauthier
 01:07:23 Chair Salomon
 01:07:45 Sen. Gauthier
 01:08:27 Sen. McClafferty
 01:09:03 Ms. Smith, OUR
 01:10:41 Ms. Homer, OUR
 01:12:15 Chair Salomon
 01:14:04 Ms. Toole
 01:15:03 Chair Salomon
 01:18:31 Mr. Parman, MREA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:49 Sen. Gauthier

01:20:39 Chair Salomon

01:21:16 Brief Recess

01:34:19 Reconvened

01:34:32 Chair Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 211

01:35:08 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SB 211 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:35:26 Sen. Facey

01:36:44 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Facey and Sen. McClafferty voting aye. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

01:37:18 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SB 211 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 226

01:37:48 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SB 226 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:38:16 Sen. Facey

01:38:48 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 226 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(eds35a04)

Discussion:

01:39:23 Sen. Facey

01:39:44 Sen. Regier

01:39:58 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:40:28 Chair Salomon

01:40:34 Mr. McCracken, LSD

01:41:23 Sen. Facey

01:41:43 Chair Salomon

01:41:52 Mr. McCracken

01:42:15 Sen. Facey

01:42:30 Mr. McCracken

01:42:34 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Facey made a substitute motion to **AMEND SB 226 WITH AMENDMENT SB022601.APM EXCLUDING ITEM NUMBER 4.**

Discussion:

01:42:57 Chair Salomon

01:43:00 Sen. Regier

01:43:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

01:44:07 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 226 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:44:24 Sen. Facey

01:44:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-1 by voice vote with Sen. Blasdel voting no. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 227

01:45:13 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SB 227 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:45:28 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division

01:45:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

01:46:38 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:50 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

Additional Documents

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